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Commander's Report



Hi all,

Normally we would have our last dinner meeting of the season in May. We would be passing around sign-up sheets for working the Visitors' Center, fitting life jackets at Camp Bandage, or manning our booth at Toes in the Grand. Unfortunately, I cannot in good conscience have our Club participate in any of those events. My opinion is that we cannot rely on the *numbers of positive cases* to tell us when to feel safe to congregate in groups.

Along those lines, I think all of our local businesses are ESSENTIAL in the context of what they do to make Grand Lake such a great place to live. I encourage everyone to support local businesses in whatever manner you can.

A link to the February ABC National Meeting Minutes is available on our web site in the Meeting Minutes section.

Mary Alice Moore, P

Commander

America's Boating Club—Grand Lake



S ————— Seafanship
P ————— Piloting
AP ————— Advanced Piloting



JN ————— Junior Navigator
N ————— Navigator
SN ————— Senior Navigator



For Boaters, By Boaters™

A BIG shout-out to our long-term members!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined</u>
Stephen Duenner	06/22/1970
William Foster	06/16/1971
Orville Edwards	06/06/1977
Linda Dunham	08/01/1985
Gary Dunham	08/01/1985
James Willis	04/07/1993
Baxter Thorman	11/15/1995
Paul Joseph Woodul	03/06/1997
Joe Harwood	12/14/1998
William Miller	04/24/1999
Nancy Gibson	10/11/1999
Larry Stout	10/16/1999
Margaret (Pegy) Miller	03/22/2000 *

*Happy 20th Anniversary Peggy!!!

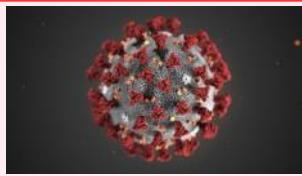
There is not one of us who aren't experiencing anxiety or heartache. Our parents who are living in communal centers are in peril. Our children may lose their jobs. We ache to see and touch our families. Get togethers of any kind are on hold.



So check in with your family and neighbors by phone or Facetime, stay active with walking and gardening, get those "to do" jobs you've been putting off - done and crossed off your list! And please keep everyone in your prayers and thoughts.



We WILL be together again soon.



"Quaranta giorni" - This is the phrase from which "quarantine" is derived. *Quaranta giorni* means "40 days". Ships coming to Venice from ports that were infected with plague would have to anchor offshore for 40 days. Thanks CDC web site! That "40 days" may be the magic number if the "Shelter in Place" order is lifted in early May.





DID YOU KNOW?!

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Okay boater, so you're stuck at home for now because of the coronavirus pandemic. Why not get on-the-water digitally and pick up free boating tips? It's simple, just put americasboatingclub.org in your browser. This will take you to the website of America's Boating Club. Next click on learn, select education resources, and finally click on America's boating channel. You will see several how-to videos such as how to stop your boat properly from plane, tips on docking-leaving or returning, anchoring, navigation rules, etc.

An important piece of safety equipment that is required to be onboard your boat is a type IV floatation device. This is a throwable device such as a cushion that floats, Styrofoam ring or horseshoe buoy. It is helpful to choose one that has something easy to grasp such as handles, so the individual can hold it close to their chest until they are rescued.

Every boater should practice a man overboard drill. Remember to approach at a slow speed from downwind to avoid drifting over the person in the water. When close, shift into neutral and coast to the person. After you have made contact with a paddle, boat hook or line, turn off the engine, and then put the boat in gear to stop propeller rotation to avoid any minimal propeller rotation that could cause injury to the person in the water when bringing onboard.



If your boat suddenly loses power, a quick decision is necessary to determine if the boat is in danger. Will it drift on to rocks or into too shallow of an area? Can it hit another structure? Are you in a busy boating area?

If you are in a safe area, you can attempt to fix the problem or call a local marine service. If the water is shallow enough for anchoring, consider it so you can maintain your position. Another alternative if your boat is not too large and is reasonably close to a safe shore, is to paddle or rig a sail from the boat's canopy if the wind is favorable. Remember to always stay with the boat and put on your PFD.

Daytime distress signals are slowing raising and lowering arms, an orange distress signal flag with a black square and a black circle on it, continuous sounding of your horn or an orange smoke signal/flare. For night time, use red flares or one of the new and safer marine distress lights. As a last resort, give the SOS signal with a light. To call for help, use channel 16 on the VHF radio or use a cell phone to call for assistance. Grand Lake boaters should keep the GRDA Police number (918-256-0911 non-emergency or 911 for emergency). Also consider adding a local towboat service to your phone address book.



Did You Know cont....



By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Briefing people once they are on board the boat is an often overlooked, but a very important safety measure. Those that have taken cruises on large ships will recall practicing safety drills before the ship disembarks. Too often, we assume the crew or passengers have more experience than they actually have or fail to understand they may have certain medical problems. These could be a factor should they fall overboard or other issues arise while on the water. Remember, not everyone is a good swimmer or comfortable on the water. Casually asking questions or listening to their comments will guide you as to any concerns to be addressed.

To add to everyone's comfort level, point out the location and use of safety equipment such as fire extinguisher location, PFD's, first aid kit, how to operate the VHF radio in an emergency or who to call on a cell phone. Show how to turn off the engine in case it is needed.



Discuss the importance of keeping hands and feet inside the boat, and where you would like them to sit to maintain proper boat stability. Weight distribution is especially important in smaller boats. Finally, everyone wants to help you, so indicate what is expected, if anything, of the crew when leaving or returning to the dock or underway.

Every boater should develop a basic checklist before boating just as pilots do before take-off. Depending on the type of boat, the checklist will vary.

Power boaters should always sniff for gas fumes upon boarding, but it's especially important before starting the engine. Open the bilge cover and sniff for any gas fumes from leaks. While its open check for significant water or oil in the bilge. Its also a good time to turn on the bilge pump to make sure that its operating properly. If the boat has a ventilating blower for the engine compartment, take a look to make sure the hose is still connected and intact. Next check the vent for air flow from the blower and that no gas fumes are present. Mud dauber wasps are notorious for blocking vents. Check the fluid levels while the compartment is open.

Remember to check the steering, shifter and throttle controls for easy movement. Its not fun if you move the boat out of the slip or off the trailer and find one of these is not working. Also be sure to warm up the engine before getting underway to prevent stalling. Always check that the water pump is working to avoid the engine overheating and shutting down. On outboards and inboards, the water flow from the pump can be easily seen. On inboard/outboards (I/O) look for gentle water movement behind the boat. Finally check your gauges to be sure they work.



Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
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ALL EVENTS/MEETINGS FOR MAY HAVE BEEN CANCELLED



Happy Birthday



5/8 Joe Harwood
5/9 Jean Izydorek
5/12 Linda Dunham
5/15 James Willis
5/17 Jeanne Dulworth
5/19 Chuck Fellhauer
5/27 Rusty Millikan
5/28 Cheryl Elson



From your Editor...

Please send me pictures (with names and the activity), ideas and suggestions that are most important to you. The deadline is the 25th of the month. Thanks for your input and support! Kim

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